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MINUTES OF THE SPRING 2002 TOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Spring meeting of the Tennessee Ornithological Society (TOS) was hosted 3-5 May 2002 by the Memphis TOS Chapter at Dyersburg, Tennessee. In addition to the Directors' Meeting, field trips were taken to several birding spots in the area including Reelfoot Lake State Park, Black Bayou, Walnut Log, and several areas in Kentucky. The meeting of the TOS Directors was called to order by TOS President Chuck Nicholson at 4:16 p.m. Secretary Knox Martin reported a quorum present. Copies of the minutes of the Fall 2001 meeting were available for the members to read and approve. The president requested that approval of the minutes be postponed until the end of the meeting to give members a chance to read them before voting on approval.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: No report.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE: No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

CURATOR'S REPORT: No report.

THE MIGRANT: Editor Chris Welsh reported that the March 2001 issue of *The Migrant* was at the post office ready to be mailed to members. The June 2001 issue should be ready by May, and the September-December 2001 issue should be ready by December. More articles are needed, so if you have an article you would like considered for publication, see Chris.

THE TENNESSEE WARBLER: No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee (Martha Waldron, Chairman, Jan Shaw, and David Vogt) put forward Virginia Reynolds as their choice for TOS President-Elect. A motion was made by Ron Hoff and seconded by Chris Welsh to elect Virginia as the next TOS State President. The vote to elect was unanimous. The general membership will vote on Virginia at the annual meeting later in the evening.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: TOS members Mac McWhirter and Chris Sloan have agreed to serve on the Finance Committee. More members are needed. There has been no report by the treasurer for quite a while, and it has been a few years since the books were audited, so the work of this committee is critical. A few new members are really needed. A meeting is needed immediately where the books can be looked at by all committee members. After that it can probably be done by correspondence, email, phone, etc. The way it is supposed to work is that sometime before the Spring state meeting the Treasurer should submit the annual financial report to the finance committee for review. Then the committee reports to the members at the annual Spring meeting.

BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE: Kevin Calhoon reported that currently six or eight birds have been voted on. One member still needs to vote on these. For 2002 there are two or three open spots on the committee. Two names will be submitted for each opening before the Fall meeting so they can be chosen at the Fall meeting.

CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH FUNDING COMMITTEE: Troy Ettel gave a report for Melinda Welton on two funding proposals that had been made. One was by Dick Preston concerning the partnership for wildlife refuges, and the second was the Golden-winged Warbler Atlasing Project. Both proposals were voted on and approved for funding in 2002. Currently the committee is looking at several new projects. The Golden-winged Warbler funding was aimed at helping with expenses for volunteers working on the project. Dick Preston reported on his proposal. There is a support group in West Tennessee for the wildlife refuge system including Reelfoot Lake, Lake Isom, Lower Hatchie, and Chickasaw. The group got a matching grant of $20,000 from Wild Birds Unlimited for construction of three observation platforms. The partnership needs to raise a matching $20,000 to get this Wild Bird grant. The CRFC gave a $900 grant to support the group.

TWRA is reviewing a new grasslands bird project, and they would like TOS to be a partner. The total budget cost of the project is about $250,000. If TOS could donate $500, it would be considered an active partner.

Susan McWhirter asked if there was anything in the CRFC guidelines that would allow TOS to purchase land. Chris Sloan said that land could be purchased. There is currently over $11,000 in the fund, so Susan suggested that we consider land purchases along with other funding possibilities. First we need an accurate accounting of the funds to see just how much we could afford to spend each year.

President Chuck Nicholson brought up a question concerning term limits and other term questions for committee members. Several current committee members have said they would like to rotate off the committee, and several have been on the committee since it was founded. The committee is supposed to be made up of two members from each of the three grand divisions of the state as well as one member at large. If any members are interested in serving on the committee, see Chuck. Right now the committee has one member from West Tennessee, three from Middle Tennessee, two from East Tennessee, and a member at large. Several of these members are scheduled to rotate off the committee. If you would like to be a member,

see Chuck. There are no term limits currently, so it is not a problem to serve. Often it is hard to find qualified individuals to serve, but new blood is needed so think about serving.

A new group has been formed called the Alliance for the Cumberland. It is made up of different conservation groups in the area, as well as some state and federal agencies. The alliance looks at problems in the Cumberland Plateau and the Cumberland River.

President Chuck Nicholson reported that while oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is currently dead, there is still a lot of interest in drilling. Both of our U.S. Senators are in favor of drilling, so we have to keep an eye on the issue. All TOS members should write letters to federal representatives.

TOS passed a resolution in 2001 opposing the closing of our state parks. TOS is still opposed to the closing of Tennessee state parks. There has been no long term solution to this problem as yet. A group called "Pennies for Parks" has been set up as a park support group. Should TOS join this group? Chris Sloan made a motion to join the "Pennies for Parks" group. The motion was seconded by Ron Hoff. The vote to join was passed by voice vote.

TVA has begun a reservoir study plan. Lakefront homeowners and boat dock owners want to leave water levels high at all times. If this is done, it will certainly affect bird populations. The study will last for two years, and a draft of the findings is due out in 2003. Chuck Nicholson wrote a letter expressing his concerns with this plan a few weeks ago.

TVA has made "Green Power" available in many areas of the state. It is slightly more expensive for users than regular power, but it comes from renewable sources. Virginia Reynolds suggested that an article explaining this concept be published in *The Tennessee Warbler*.

TOS is currently involved with TWRA in the purchase of the 70,000 acres around Frozen Head/Royal Blue in the East Tennessee area. Troy Ettel brought TOS up to date on this project. The cost will be over $10,000,000, and International Paper wants their money by the end of the year.

COLLATERAL MATERIALS: No report.

TOS WEBSITE: The website is still up and active.

OLD BUSINESS: Troy Ettel reported on the Important Bird Areas Program of TWRA. Money is available from TWRA to help pay volunteers to work with this program. TOS is involved as well as the Audubon Society and several universities. In the next few months TWRA will begin the process of finding appropriate sites. One member of each state TOS chapter is needed as a contact person with TWRA. Troy gave a CARA update. TWRA received $800,000 in 2001 and expects to receive $1,300,000 in 2002. They plan to spend $1,000,000 for land acquisition in 2002.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck Nicholson is looking for a chapter from Middle Tennessee to host the Fall 2002 meeting. There are no plans yet for the 2003 Winter meeting. Troy Ettel reported the Chattanooga chapter of TOS raised over $9,000 at

their annual Sandhill Crane event. There is a great deal of interest around the country in the work being done by both TOS and TWRA in crane conservation and restoration in the state.

The TOS chapter in Murfreesboro has been disbanded.

Chris Sloan brought up the possibility of an electronic database for *The Migrant*. An index could be put on line that would help everybody. Ron Hoff made a motion to look into the possibility of indexing *The Migrant* on line. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The question of who would do the actual work was brought up. Most felt the webmaster should do it.

A motion was made by Chris Sloan and seconded by Susan McWhirter to approve the minutes from the Fall 2001 meeting. The vote to approve the minutes as amended was unanimous.

TOS BUSINESS MEETING: President Chuck Nicholson started the short business meeting by thanking TOS chapter members Jim and Sue Ferguson for all their work in setting up the Spring 2002 TOS State Meeting. He then recognized the various state chapters present at the meeting. A short update was given by *The Migrant* editor Chris Welsh and *The Tennessee Warbler* editor Theresa Graham.

Martha Waldron, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee had voted to nominate Virginia Reynolds of the Memphis Chapter to the office of State TOS President-Elect. Gaynell Perry made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Ron Hoff. The vote to elect Virginia Reynolds as TOS President-Elect was unanimous.

Chuck Nicholson reported the Columbia Chapter was interested in hosting the Fall 2002 State Meeting. The Spring 2003 State Meeting will be hosted by the Knoxville Chapter. It was next reported that TOS Treasurer David Trently was interested in resigning his office in the near future. Chris Sloan volunteered to take over the office of treasurer upon the resignation of David Trently and after the TOS Finance Committee does an audit of the TOS financial records. Martha Waldron nominated Chris Sloan to the office of TOS Treasurer. A motion was made from the floor and seconded to close nominations. The voice vote to approve Chris Sloan as TOS Treasurer was unanimous.

Special TOS Distinguished Service Awards were awarded to TOS members Ruth Luckado of the Highland Rim Chapter and Jim Ferguson of the Memphis Chapter in recognition of their many years of outstanding service to TOS.

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: JIM FERGUSON

Jim Ferguson is a true Renaissance man because of his interests in horticulture, cooking, and the arts. He was selected for a Distinguished Service Award because of his long and exemplary commitment to the Tennessee Ornithological Society (TOS).

He joined the Memphis chapter of TOS in 1975, promptly becoming a regular participant in the Memphis Christmas Count and serving as leader of the Raleigh group since 1980. He served as president of this chapter from 1982-1984 and moved up to president of the state organization from 1985-1987. He has been a member of several state and local committees including finance and by-laws. In addition, Jim has been a local and state director and has served as vice president from West Tennessee.

Jim has accompanied his wife Sue on her breeding bird survey route in West Tennessee since 1983. Jim and Sue also contributed to the Tennessee Breeding Bird Atlasing project. For many years he drove the "geriatric mobile" to the state meetings, providing transportation for many of our older members.

The members of the Memphis Chapter often turn to Jim for his clearer vision and solutions to "thorny problems." Among his many talents, Jim enjoys writing. The Memphis Chapter especially appreciates the outstanding article Jim wrote about Ben and Lula Coffey that was published in *The Migrant*.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: RUTH LUCKADO

Ruth Luckado is the backbone and spirit of the Highland Rim Chapter of the TOS. She has a natural enthusiasm for all things related to birding and is certainly the most active birder in the Chapter. More importantly, she is willing to share her enthusiasm with any and all who will go into the field with her.

She has been active in the organization for more than 30 years and is now serving as its President. In this, her second term, she is emphasizing recruitment, recognizing that in a group this long-standing, adding new members is essential if the organization is to survive. As new members are brought in, Ruth makes it a point to involve them in meaningful birding adventures, spending many hours in tailored outings for each to make sure they get "hooked" on birding.

Ruth participates in all activities of the Chapter. She leads many of the field trips, sharing her expertise with the members. The program of field trips planned with her guidance for the coming year includes the Fall hawk watch on Sewanee Mountain, Spring and Fall migrant surveys, woodcock courtship display, waterfowl and eagle watch, the January eagle count, and of course, the annual Spring Count and Christmas Bird Count.

Ruth has been a State Director of TOS for as long as anyone can recall. She is a regular attendee at State meetings and participates in numerous TOS state-wide studies and activities. She conducts a Roadside Raptor Survey in Moore County each year, has done the Breeding Bird Survey for the past several years, and has worked with the Partners in Flight projects.

Ruth is not just a birder. She is also concerned about other conservation issues and finds creative ways to support worthy conservation projects. Recently a long-time member of the Chapter passed away and members of her family wanted to find a constructive use of the many birding books she left behind. Ruth offered the amazing collection to members of the local chapter, TOS, and friends in the community. The proceeds from the sale of the items provided a $500 contribution to the Smith Bend preservation project. She frequently lends her expertise in hearings on issues affecting conservation matters using humor to get her point across while making sure that all concerned know when an idea or proposal is in conflict with her vision of wise action.

There is so much more that could be said about Ruth Luckado and her dedication to birding and the TOS, but we trust that the above demonstrates that she is an exceptional and dedicated member of the TOS and is deserving of its Distinguished Service Award.

Submitted by John Lamb, Don Davidson, and John Bruner.

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FALL 2002 BIRD COUNT

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This article is a compilation of all the bird counts for the fall 2002 season (Table 1). Some of the counts were conducted in conjunction with the North American Migration Count, run every year on the third Saturday of September. This year it was September 21. The fall North American Migration Counts are similar to the spring counts in that each county is a count area. The data gathering is exactly the same as all Tennessee counts pertaining to hours and miles, times, participant names, and weather. The other counts are traditional fall counts conducted on a different date and the area censused is sometimes larger than a single county. The date a particular count was run is shown in the county summary below. The eastern end of the state experienced rain on Sept. 21, but not in the west. Anderson County was washed out and efforts in Blount and Sevier were hampered.

COUNT SUMMARIES

Anderson County - 21 September 2002; 0730-1030. Weather: hard rain all day (3+ inches); temperatures were 65-75. The participants tried to bird during the rain, but every time it let up, it would start raining hard again. While driving around, they spotted a group of Wild Turkeys. Most of the data is from the compiler's yard. A Gray-cheeked Thrush was a nice find. Observers: Frank Bills, Sharon Bostick, Ron Hoff (compiler: 282 Hackworth Ln., Clinton, Tn. 37716; dollyron@icx.net), and Dollyann Myers.

Blount County – 21 September 2002. Weather: Drizzle and showers most of the day with temperatures in the 70's. Rain hampered this count also, but the participants made the best of it and managed to find a Ruffed Grouse, Lesser Yellowlegs, Western and Least Sandpipers, 1 snipe, 1 Wilson's Phalarope, a couple of ravens, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches, and an Orange-crowned Warbler. Observers: Stacey Adair, Steve Adair, Jean Alexander (compiler: 3908 Riverview Dr., Maryville, Tn. 37804; jjadmj@infi.net), Charlie Muise, David Johnson, Tony Koella, and June Welch.

Elizabethton – 5 October 2002. Weather: A few patchy showers in the mountains in the early morning, then partly cloudy throughout with some light winds; temperatures were 57-84. The area covered was Carter County and parts of adjacent Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington Counties. Participants had a great day, finding 6 species found nowhere else in the state. While doing this they tallied 10 species of raptors, 6 species of woodpeckers, and 5 species each of owls, wrens, thrushes, and vireos. Observers: Fred Alsop, Wallace Coffey, Joy Crass, Mark Crass, Rack Cross, Gilbert Derouen, Martha Dillenbeck, Glen Eller, Reece Jamerson, Ralph Keffer, Rick Knight (compiler: 804 N. Hills Dr., Johnson City, Tn. 37604;

rknight@preferred.com), H. P. Langridge, Joe McGuiness, Dexter Newman, Linda Newman, Chris O'Bryan, Bryan Stevens, Peggy Stevens, and Allen Trently.

Knox County - 29 September 2002; 0545-1930. Weather: clear with calm winds; temperatures were 59-83. One of the highlights was a Loggerhead Shrike. Blue Jays were migrating through and they outnumbered all other species, but starlings and feral doves were under reported. Wild Turkeys were found for the third consecutive year. Other nice finds included Marsh Wren, snipe, Northern Harrier, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray-cheeked Thrush, and Bobolinks. Also of note were 21 species of warblers. Observers: Frank Bills, Sharon Bostick, Howard Chitwood, Dean Edwards (compiler: 1615 Meadow Chase Ln., Knoxville, Tn. 37931; kde@utk.edu), Paul Hartigan, Audrey Hoff, Ron Hoff, Susan Hoyle, Kristine Johnson, Ed Manous, Dollyann Myers, Chuck Nicholson, Truett Patterson, Martha Rudolph, Boyd Sharp, and Susie Stout.

Lebanon (John Sellars Chapter) – 21 September 2002; 0630-1500. Weather: Mild with mostly sunny skies and temperatures of 68-83F. The participants had a nice day finding several tough to find species, including the state's only Fish Crows, Bewick's Wren, and an early Hermit Thrush. 20 Northern Bobwhites were a welcome number, as were 58 Wild Turkeys. Observers: Charles Berry, Earline Berry, Ralph Brinkhurst, Frank Crawford, Kay Norris, Sarah Thompson, Melissa Turrentine (compiler: 339 Rippy Ridge Rd., Normandy, Tn. 37360; roymel@cafes.net), Roy Turrentine, Dean Walker, and Jerry Walker.

Morgan County – 21 September 2002; 0630-1700. No weather data given. Some of the more interesting finds were Blue-winged Teal, a Northern Harrier, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 12 species of warblers, and 6 Bobolinks. Observers: Audrey Hoff and David Trently (compiler: 1029 Morrow Dr., Knoxville, Tn. 37923-1725; dtrently@utk.edu).

Nashville – 5 October 2002; 0400-1900. Weather: clear to partly cloudy, with NW winds of 7-14 and temperatures of 53-73. Observers had a great day. They managed to turn up 31 American White Pelicans; 9 species of waterfowl; 11 Cooper's Hawks; all 7 species of woodpeckers; a Least Flycatcher; 35 (!) White-breasted Nuthatches; Winter and Sedge Wrens; all 6 species of vireos (including 24 Philadelphia); Orange-crowned, Cape May, Connecticut, and Canada Warblers; and finally Lark and Lincoln's Sparrows. One party birded by bicycle for 2 hours and 5 miles. Observers: Jan Alexander, Larry Bischoff, Sandy Bivens, Susan Bradfield, Jean Buchanan, Ed Byrne, Gary Casey, Phillip Casteel, Richard Conners, Jeff Cowell, Camille Crenshaw, Jerry Drewry, Bob English, Pandy English, Troy Ettel, Frank Fekel, Claudia Figeri, John Froeschauer, Ed Gleaves, Barbara Harris, Mark Hackney, Barry Jernigan, Linda Kelly, Jason Mann, Janeth McKendrick, Sarah Scott, Jan Shaw (compiler: 5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, Tn. 37211; jankshaw@aol.com), Kathy Shaw, Chris Sloan, Joe Stone, Sabin Thompson, and Mary Zimmerman.

Putnam County – 21 September 2002; 0430-1845. Weather: overcast with intermittent drizzle, fog, and 0-5 wind in the a.m., turning mostly cloudy with occasional misting and 0-10 winds in the afternoon; temperatures were 62-80. Observers recorded the highest species total and highest total of individuals in the 3 years of the Fall Count despite a smaller total of observers and fewer party miles than earlier counts. The main highlight of the count was the discovery of an immature "Great White Heron" (the white form of the Great Blue Heron). There are few records of this form away from Florida and the adjacent Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Other unusual species found on the count were Gadwall, Barn Owl, and Brown-headed Nuthatch. The Semipalmated Sandpiper set a new early fall arrival date for the county and was one of very few fall records for this species in the county. Eastern Screech Owls and Great Horned Owls established new high counts for the county. The Acadian Flycatcher tied a late fall departure date for the county. Great-crested Flycatcher, Yellow Warbler, and Kentucky Warbler all set new late fall departure dates for the county. An Eastern Wood-Pewee was seen feeding young on the day of the count. Species heard singing on count day were White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Common Yellowthroat, and Indigo Bunting. Observers: Ken Gum, Louann I. Gum, Steven E. Hayslette, Jane Herrin, Michael P. O'Rourke, Richard W. Simmers, Jr., Barbara H. Stedman, Stephen J. Stedman (compiler: 2675 Lakeland Dr., Cookeville, Tn. 38507; sstedman@tntech.edu), Winston A. Walden, and Carol D. Williams.

Sevier County – 21 September 2002; 0830-1730. Weather: intermittent moderate rain with temperatures of 65-80. Rain hampered the efforts of the participants, but they still managed to find some interesting species. Among these were Golden-crowned Kinglet, Veery, Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers, and Dark-eyed Juncos. Observers: Susan Hoyle (compiler: P.O. Box 8421, Knoxville, Tn. 37996: Hoyle@cs.utk.edu), Kristine Johnson, and Martha Rudolph.

Shelby County – 21 September 2002; 0530-2100. Weather: The morning was foggy until 0800, then partly cloudy becoming clear in the p.m. The winds were 0-5 NW and the temperatures were 67-83. Species of note were Black-crowned Night-Heron, an early American Black Duck, and a Lark Sparrow that was apparently a first park record for Shelby Forest. Least Terns, Black-billed Cuckoos, and Olive-sided Flycatcher were also nice finds. Observers: Ethan Blackstone, Carolyn Bullock, Judy Dorsey, Aaron Gwin, Van Harris, Margaret Jefferson, Gerry Papachristou, Bill Peeples, Rob Peeples (compiler: 8205 Meadow Glen Dr., Memphis, Tn. 38138; wpeeples@midsouth.rr.com), Gaynell Perry, Dick Preston, Virginia Reynolds, Ed Thomas, Martha Waldron, Sylvia Wortham, and Linda Zemple.

Williamson County – 21 September 2002; 0830-1130 and 1400-1700. Weather: some clouds but mostly sunny; temperatures of 68-80. Species of note were 44 Wild Turkeys, a Least Flycatcher, 10 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, a Baltimore Oriole, and an Orchard Oriole. Observers: Richard H. Conners (compiler: 7244 Carothers Rd., Nolensville, Tn. 37135; Rconnersphoto@aol.com) and Sarah Scott.

Table 1. Results of Fall 2002 counts in Tennessee

Species	*Counts* Anderson	Blount	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Morgan	Nashville	Putnam	Sevier	Shelby	Williamson	Totals
Common Loon	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pied-billed Grebe	-	1	15	-	-	32	4	-	9	-	61
American White Pelican	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	31
Double-crested Cormorant	-	1	4	17	-	108	5	-	46	-	181
Great Blue Heron	-	3	24	14	-	39	14	4	29	1	128
Great Egret	-	-	1	-	-	17	-	-	83	-	101
Snowy Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	24
Little Blue Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	-	76
Cattle Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	-	78
Green Heron	-	6	2	-	-	3	5	1	6	1	24
Black-crowned Night-Heron	-	2	-	-	-	99	-	2	1	-	104
Black Vulture	-	-	63	1	15	200	34	-	1	45	359
Turkey Vulture	-	2	91	33	41	137	68	-	2	20	394
Canada Goose	30	105	883	244	57	336	125	-	408	20	2208
Wood Duck	3	2	30	10	-	11	39	-	3	-	98
Gadwall	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	7
American Widgeon	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
American Black Duck	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Mallard	10	57	213	16	1	132	6	10	123	-	568
Blue-winged Teal	-	-	26	-	15	26	29	-	30	-	126
Northern Shoveler	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	12	-	16
Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bufflehead	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Duck sp.	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	25
Osprey	-	2	2	3	-	3	1	-	2	-	13
Bald Eagle	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Northern Harrier	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	1	7	2	-	4	-	-	1	-	15
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	9	4	-	11	2	-	2	-	28
Red-shouldered Hawk	-	1	-	1	-	11	5	-	12	-	30
Broad-winged Hawk	-	1	5	2	14	-	27	-	10	-	59
Red-tailed Hawk	-	2	14	16	-	18	4	-	8	-	62
Buteo sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
American Kestrel	-	1	10	2	-	9	17	1	5	2	47
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ruffed Grouse	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Wild Turkey	11	-	67	3	-	17	6	-	-	44	148
Northern Bobwhite	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	6
American Coot	-	1	-	-	-	160	-	-	-	-	161

Species	*Counts* Anderson	Blount	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Morgan	Nashville	Putnam	Sevier	Shelby	Williamson	Totals
Killdeer	8	40	59	29	6	15	137	6	77	2	379
Black-necked Stilt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	28
Greater Yellowlegs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Lesser Yellowlegs	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	20
Solitary Sandpiper	-	2	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	7
Spotted Sandpiper	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Western Sandpiper	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Least Sandpiper	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	114	-	120
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4
Common Snipe	-	1	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Wilson's Phalarope	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ring-billed Gull	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Herring Gull	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Caspian Tern	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Least Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Rock Dove	5	223	345	233	3	55	121	106	595	12	1698
Eurasian Collared-Dove	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
Mourning Dove	10	184	322	289	139	85	310	65	519	9	1932
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	1	1	3	2	8	-	-	12	-	27
Barn Owl	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Eastern Screech Owl	1	1	22	5	-	1	15	-	1	-	46
Great Horned Owl	-	-	3	3	-	3	7	-	1	-	17
Barred Owl	2	-	7	1	-	5	4	-	2	-	21
Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Common Nighthawk	-	-	3	14	-	-	145	-	3	-	165
Chimney Swift	-	37	142	214	19	48	95	16	234	15	820
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	2	16	10	22	9	10	37	6	30	2	144
Belted Kingfisher	1	6	22	11	3	21	13	3	4	1	85
Red-headed Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	42	-	50
Red-bellied Woodpecker	-	3	37	77	3	64	54	4	74	4	320
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	4	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	10
Downy Woodpecker	2	3	37	44	4	51	34	2	30	4	211
Hairy Woodpecker	-	1	13	8	2	8	18	2	5	-	57
Northern Flicker	-	2	30	36	3	40	28	2	8	6	155
Pileated Woodpecker	1	7	19	14	2	13	21	3	16	4	100
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	-	2	7	8	1	32	20	1	23	5	99
Acadian Flycatcher	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	28	-	32
Least Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
Empidonax sp.	-	-	-	12	1	2	10	-	1	6	32
Eastern Phoebe	-	9	37	36	6	37	36	7	2	17	187
Great Crested Flycatcher	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	6
Eastern Kingbird	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3

Species	*Counts* Anderson	Blount	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Morgan	Nashville	Putnam	Sevier	Shelby	Williamson	Totals
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	3	-	9
White-eyed Vireo	-	-	1	9	1	12	38	1	78	10	150
Yellow-throated Vireo	-	-	1	5	2	3	8	1	8	-	28
Blue-headed Vireo	-	1	14	8	-	3	3	3	-	-	32
Warbling Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	1	1	-	24	-	-	-	-	26
Red-eyed Vireo	1	-	2	6	3	34	2	2	9	2	61
Blue Jay	1	63	340	673	14	238	279	26	67	22	1723
American Crow	8	189	363	298	104	185	266	22	84	21	1540
Common Raven	-	2	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Horned Lark	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	19	-	21
Tree Swallow	-	35	4	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	42
N. Rough-winged Swallow	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	17	-	31
Barn Swallow	-	12	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	-	19
Carolina Chickadee	5	46	132	140	10	228	106	12	72	14	765
Eastern Tufted Titmouse	3	22	73	70	2	168	101	11	104	18	572
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	8	34	34	2	35	56	7	24	3	204
Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
Carolina Wren	4	23	96	139	9	117	141	11	110	10	660
House Wren	-	-	7	3	-	4	3	-	-	-	17
Winter Wren	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	6
Sedge Wren	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	4
Marsh Wren	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	3	-	8
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	-	2	-	-	1	1	8	-	2	-	14
Eastern Bluebird	5	59	197	170	13	125	218	18	49	25	879
Veery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	-	4	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	13
Swainson's Thrush	-	5	25	19	-	27	7	2	9	2	96
Wood Thrush	-	-	4	7	2	2	3	-	4	1	23
American Robin	-	32	158	166	7	183	114	5	75	5	745
Gray Catbird	2	4	15	29	1	62	20	2	9	6	150
Northern Mockingbird	-	21	120	157	4	99	47	8	46	7	509
Brown Thrasher	2	2	4	41	1	31	24	1	8	3	117
European Starling	25	614	1280	521	153	377	2475	278	699	20	6442
Cedar Waxwing	-	-	66	1	-	104	18	7	-	-	196
Blue-winged Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	5	-	10
Golden-winged Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	4
Tennessee Warbler	-	1	40	4	5	56	15	1	28	5	155
Orange-crowned Warbler	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	4
Nashville Warbler	1	-	1	1	-	4	1	-	2	2	12
Northern Parula	-	-	1	2	-	3	4	-	29	-	39
Yellow Warbler	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5

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Chestnut-sided Warbler		-	-	-	9	2	24	4	-	8	5	52
Magnolia Warbler		-	5	14	18	4	167	36	2	12	14	272
Cape May Warbler		-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Black-throated Blue Warbler		-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Yellow-rumped Warbler		-	-	2	1	-	48	-	-	-	-	51
Black-throated Green Warbler		-	1	9	8	5	32	5	1	15	1	77
Blackburnian Warbler		-	3	-	2	1	9	1	2	2	-	20
Yellow-throated Warbler		-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	5	-	11
Pine Warbler		-	13	-	6	1	4	12	2	6	-	44
Prairie Warbler		-	1	-	3	-	-	5	-	-	1	10
Palm Warbler		-	-	73	50	-	21	-	-	-	-	144
Bay-breasted Warbler		-	-	30	4	1	6	3	-	1	-	45
Blackpoll Warbler		-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Black-and-white Warbler		-	-	-	4	3	20	3	1	10	-	41
American Redstart		1	1	4	12	-	48	9	3	24	3	105
Worm-eating Warbler		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
Ovenbird		-	1	1	2	1	4	1	-	2	1	13
Northern Waterthrush		-	-	5	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	7
Louisiana Waterthrush		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Kentucky Warbler		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	6
Connecticut Warbler		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	10	-	11
Common Yellowthroat		-	1	6	28	2	23	29	3	-	3	95
Hooded Warbler		-	2	4	1	1	-	10	1	1	-	20
Wilson's Warbler		-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Canada Warbler		-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Yellow-breasted Chat		-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	4
Warbler sp.		-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	20
Summer Tanager		-	-	-	6	1	17	16	-	17	7	64
Scarlet Tanager		3	1	5	5	9	18	12	5	1	1	60
Eastern Towhee		-	3	49	42	-	41	43	-	4	1	183
Chipping Sparrow		-	-	49	11	-	7	77	20	7	8	179
Field Sparrow		-	3	13	30	-	53	33	-	3	20	155
Lark Sparrow		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Savannah Sparrow		-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Song Sparrow		1	13	163	57	26	3	86	11	-	-	360
Lincoln's Sparrow		-	-	3	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	8
Swamp Sparrow		-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
White-throated Sparrow		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
White-crowned Sparrow		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dark-eyed Junco		-	-	92	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	99
Northern Cardinal		7	39	135	150	9	198	343	9	94	15	999
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		-	-	40	42	1	123	8	2	15	10	241
Blue Grosbeak		-	-	1	2	6	1	3	-	-	-	13
Indigo Bunting		-	10	13	65	40	199	133	-	58	18	536
Bobolink		-	-	13	5	6	-	12	-	-	-	36

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Red-winged Blackbird	-	250	240	322	-	55	5	-	713	-	1585
Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	47	40	8	18	38	-	19	-	170
Common Grackle	-	105	407	89	-	291	8	15	52	-	967
Brown-headed Cowbird	-	-	32	69	-	18	183	-	18	4	324
Orchard Oriole	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Baltimore Oriole	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	7
House Finch	-	23	62	86	-	38	104	8	55	2	378
Pine Siskin	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
American Goldfinch	3	27	174	140	4	84	77	9	24	24	566
House Sparrow	-	6	65	5	50	27	146	2	30	4	335
Total individuals	160	2421	7404	5282	891	5711	6951	777	5635	541	35773
Total species	31	86	119	104	62	127	107	62	119	59	184
Observers	4	7	19	16	2	32	10	3	16	2	111
Parties	1	3	6-7	10-12	1	12	6	1	6	1	48
Party hours	3	19	62	55.25	10.5	72.25	39.25	9	33	5	308.25
Hours by car	3	7.5	-	20.25	4	22.5	27.75	6	8	1.5	100.5
Miles by car	30	146	-	236	71	238	285	140	172	55	1373
Hours by foot	-	11.5	-	35	6.5	47.75	11.5	2	25	3.5	142.75
Miles by foot	-	10.5	-	22.5	0.75	24.5	6.5	1.5	13	4	83.25
Hours owling	-	-	5	2.25	-		3.25	-	1	-	11.5
Miles owling	-	-	-	8	-	25	64	-	0	-	97
Feeder observers	4	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9
Feeder hours	3	4	-	4.75	-	-	6	-	2.5	-	20.25
NAMC Count	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Count date	9/21	9/21	10/5	9/29	9/21	10/5	9/21	9/21	9/21	9/21	

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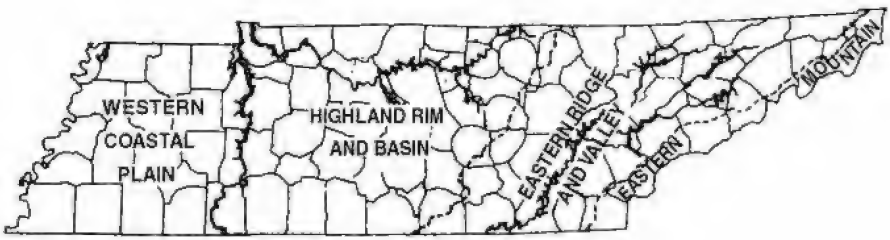

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Temperatures in late March through much of April were warmer than usual resulting in early arrival dates for some migrants. A cold snap in May, particularly in the eastern part of the state, slowed the pace of migration at that point. Also, this presented some hardship for aerial insectivores and some early breeders, at least locally. Most observers commented that overall numbers were near normal for most regular migrants. As is often the case, a nice mix of unusual species enlivened the season.

Standard Abbreviations

ad-adult
Co-County
Cr-Creek
ers-earliest reported sighting
et al.-and others
fide-reported by
im-immature
Is.-Island
L-Lake
lrs-latest reported sighting
max-maximum count
m.ob.-many observers
Mtn-Mountain
NWR-National Wildlife Refuge
SP-State Park
WMA-Wildlife Management Area
yg-young

WESTERN COASTAL PLAIN REGION — This season's weather was generally unremarkable. Migration overall seemed neither poor nor spectacular. Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the season was the unprecedented influx of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers. This species was found in six locations in four counties, with Fayette County recording its first, and a nesting pair was discovered in Lake County. Notably unusual species found included Hudsonian Godwit, Henslow's Sparrow, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, and the region's (not to mention state's) apparent third record of Clay-colored Sparrow. Written documentation was submitted for all of these rarities, along with photographs of the whistling-ducks, godwits and the nesting scissor-tails.

Loon-Heron: **Common Loon:** 4 May (1) Reelfoot L (TOS), lrs. **Horned Grebe:** 10 Apr (1) Tennemo Levee (WGC, NaM). **American White Pelican:** 3 Mar (150) Reelfoot L (NaM), max. **Double-crested Cormorant:** 22 May (12) Is. 13, Lake Co (WGC), lrs. **Anhinga:** 18 May (1) Eagle Lake WMA (JRW). **American Bittern:** 7 Apr (1) Shelby Farms (CHB, MGW, Linda Zempel); 11 Apr (1) Tipton Co (DDP); 12 Apr-11 May (1) Black Bayou (NaM, m.ob.); 25 Apr (1) Eagle Lake WMA (VH); 29 Apr (1) White's L. Refuge (WGC). **Least Bittern:** 24 Apr (1) White's L. Refuge (WGC); 19 May (1) Mud L (WGC, KL, BL, JRW). **Cattle Egret:** 15 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (VBR), ers. **Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 4 Apr (1) Wolf River WMA, Fayette Co (David Smith fide MGW); 25 Apr (1) Eagle Lake WMA (VH); 27 Apr (1) Black Bayou (JSD, CAS); 27 Apr (1) Shelby Farms (WRP); 5 May (2) White's L. Refuge (JRW et al.).

Waterfowl: **Fulvous Whistling-Duck:** 14 May (5) Black Bayou (WGC, KL-photo, NaM, Bettie Sumara). **Greater White-fronted Goose:** 3 Mar (2500) Lake Co (KL, BL), max. **Snow Goose:** 6 Apr (21) Tennemo Levee (WGC), lrs. **Ross's Goose:** from Feb to 22 Mar (up to 4) Shelby Farms (CHB, WRP, VBR, BHW). **Green-winged Teal:** 5 May (1 male) White's L. Refuge (WGC, JSD, CAS), lrs. **Canvasback:** 13 Apr (1) Tennemo Levee (WGC, NaM), lrs. **Greater Scaup:** 5-7 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (WRP, VBR); 31 Mar (1) Paris Landing SP, Henry Co (PDC, JAD, CAS). **Bufflehead:** 19 May (1) Reelfoot L (WGC, KL, BL, JRW), new late date for West Tenn. **Hooded Merganser:** 19 Apr / 22 May (1 ad. + 10 yg / 1 ad. + 5 yg.) Black Bayou (NaM, KL, WGC).

Osprey-Crane: **Osprey:** 1 Apr (3 pairs at nests) Reelfoot L (WGC). **Bald Eagle:** 21 Mar (1 ad) Eagle Lake WMA (Rick Bryan, TWRA); 30 Mar (3 ad., 1 on nest) Reelfoot L (MTOS); 6 Apr (1 on nest) EARTH Complex (JRW); 18 May (1 ad) Dyer Co (WGC). **Merlin:** 13-14 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (CHB, VBR, BHW); 15 Mar (1) Memphis (MGW, Ashley Waldron). **Peregrine Falcon:** 29 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (MGW, Jay Johnson); 5 May (1) Tiptonville (VBR). **Prairie Falcon:** 17 Mar (1) Phillipy, Lake Co (KL, BL), latest date of wintering bird. **King Rail:** 3 May (1) White's L. Refuge (MAG, MCT). **Sora:** 25 Mar-25 Apr (1-8) Shelby Farms (CHB, VBR, MGW, Linda Zempel); 25 Apr (2) Eagle Lake WMA (VH); 5 May (3) Black Bayou (WGC, NaM, TOS); 9 May (3) White's L. Refuge (WGC). **Common Moorhen:** 3 May (1) Black Bayou (MAG, TOS); 19 May (1) Mud L (JRW). **Sandhill Crane:** 4 May (1) Lauderdale Co (MAG, MCT, JRW).

Shorebirds: **Black-bellied Plover:** 14 May (4) EARTH Complex (JRW); 18 May (5 / 5) Lake Co / Dyer Co (JRW). **American Golden-Plover:** 10 Apr (1200) Dyer Co (WGC, NaM), max. **Black-necked Stilt:** reported from Dyer, Lake, & Shelby Cos. **Greater Yellowlegs:** 24 May (1) Shelby Farms (VBR), lrs. **Willet:** 29 Apr (1) White's L. Refuge (WGC). **Hudsonian Godwit:** 13-14 May (3) Lake Co (MCT et al.); 14 May (3) Dyer Co (WGC, NaM). **Ruddy Turnstone:** 18 May (1) EARTH Complex, (6) Dyer Co, (4) Lake Co (JRW). **Sanderling:** 14 May (1) EARTH Complex (JRW). **Long-billed Dowitcher:** 14 May (1) EARTH Complex (JRW). **American Woodcock:** 31 Mar (1) Pace Point (PDC, JSD, CAS); 5 May (1) Black Bayou (WGC, NaM). **Wilson's Phalarope:** 3 / 5 May (1 / 5) White's L. Refuge (WGC / JRW, JSD, CAS et al.).

Gull-Hummingbird: **Laughing Gull:** 23 Mar (1) Reelfoot L (MAG, JRW). **Bonaparte's Gull:** 4 May (1) Reelfoot L (MAG, MCT, JRW), lrs. **Ring-billed Gull:** 22 May (1) Dyer Co (WGC), lrs. **Herring Gull:** 27 May (1) Lake Co (KL, BL), lrs. **Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 31 Mar (1 ad) Pace Point (PDC, JSD, CAS). **Glaucous Gull:** 16 Mar (1 im) Paris Landing SP, Henry Co (Hap Chambers). **Caspian Tern:** 1 Apr (1) Samburg, Obion Co (WGC), new early date for West Tenn.; 27 Apr (1) EARTH Complex (WRP); 4 / 18 / 21 May (1) Reelfoot L (TOS / NaM / JRW). **Common Tern:** 9 May (1) Shelby Farms (JRW); 19 May (4) Mud L (JRW); 19 May (1) Samburg, Obion Co (WGC, KL, BL). **Forster's Tern:** 13 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (CHB, VBR, BHW), ers. **Least Tern:** 31 May (300) Lake Co (MCT, KL, NaM), max. **Black Tern:** 18 May (70 / 75) Lake Co / Dyer Co (WGC), max. **Eurasian Collared-Dove:** 24 Mar (2 copulating) Germantown (WRP); now known from Carroll, Hardeman & Lauderdale Cos (VH, William Peeples, WRP, MCT). **Black-billed Cuckoo:** 20 Apr (1) Shelby Farms (MGW), new early date for West Tenn.; 4 May (1) Lauderdale Co (MAG, MCT, JRW); 11 May (1) Lake Co (BF, MAG, JRW); 29 May (1) Shelby Co (JRW). **Common Nighthawk:** 29 Mar (1) Memphis (GCP), ers. **Rufous Hummingbird:** thru 21 Mar (1 ad male) Memphis (Anne Hooper). ***Selasphorus* sp.:** 29 Mar-8 Apr (1) Memphis (Andy Ryan).

Flycatcher-Creeper: **Olive-sided Flycatcher:** 5 / 11 May (1) Reelfoot L (TOS); 12 / 14 May (1) Fayette Co (Richard Whittington); 21 May (1) Shelby Farms (JRW). **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** 13 May (1) Lake Co (MCT); 18 May (1) Eagle Lake WMA (JRW). **Alder Flycatcher:** 11 May (1, by song) Reelfoot L (MCT, Don Manning). **Willow Flycatcher:** 29 Apr (1) Tipton Co (DDP); 4 May (2) Lauderdale Co (MAG, MCT, JRW); 27 May (2) Carroll Co (MCT). **Western Kingbird:** 4 May (1) Lake Co (TOS); 14 May thru period (4) EARTH Complex (JRW, CHB, VBR). **Eastern Kingbird:** 11 Mar (2) Fayette Co (GCP), apparent new early date in state. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:** 5-6 May (1) Tiptonville Ferry Rd. (TOS / GBC); 8 May (1) Fayette Co (G. R. Pidgeon fide William Peeples), county first; 11 May (1) President's Is., Shelby Co (CHB); 11 May (1) L. Isom NWR, Lake Co (MAG); 15 May (1) Dyer Co (JRW); 20 May thru period (pair, nest building on 29 May, plus a second male on 26-28 May) Wynnburg, Lake Co (Bettie Sumara, NaM, KL, WGC, MCT). **Blue-headed Vireo:** 5 Mar (1) Germantown (WRP), ers. **Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 15 May (1) Tipton Co (DDP), new late date for West Tenn. **Brown Creeper:** 22 May (1) Fayette Co (WRP, VBR).

Warbler-Siskin: **Tennessee Warbler:** 21 May (1) Reelfoot L (NaM), lrs. **Orange-crowned Warbler:** 5 Mar (1) Germantown (WRP), ers. **Nashville Warbler:** 1 Apr (1) Memphis (MGW), new early date for West Tenn. **Yellow Warbler:** 22 May (1) Fayette Co (VBR, WRP). **Cape May Warbler:** 4 May (1) Reelfoot L (TOS); 4 May (1) Lauderdale Co (MAG, MCT, JRW); 11 May (3) Reelfoot L (BF, MAG, JRW). **Palm Warbler:** 8 / 10 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (VBR / WRP). **Swainson's Warbler:** 29 Apr (1) Tipton Co (DDP); 11 May (6) Shelby Co (MTOS); 27 May (1) Henry Co (MCT). **Connecticut Warbler:** 11 May (1) ls. 13, Lake Co (BF, MAG, JRW). **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** 4 May (1) Tiptonville Ferry Rd. (FLB, Sharon Bostick). **Lark Sparrow:** 14 Apr

(1) Gibson Co (MAG); 15 Apr (1) Henry Co (MCT, Don Manning). **Grasshopper Sparrow:** 27 Apr / 1 May (1 / 2) Shelby Farms (WRP / MTOS); 11 May (100+) Lake Co (MAG, m.ob.). **Henslow's Sparrow:** 27 May (1) Eli Brown Rd., Henry Co (MCT). **Painted Bunting:** 19 May thru period (1 ad male) Shelby Farms (WRP, VBR, CHB, MGW), unusual location. **Bobolink:** 3 May (500+) Lake Co (MAG, TOS), max. **Purple Finch:** 3 Mar (13) Brunswick, Shelby Co (GCP); 8 Mar (2) Millington, Shelby Co (VH); 31 Mar (1) Pace Point (PDC, JSD, CAS); 3 Apr (3) Shelby Forest (MTOS); 8 Apr (5) Obion Co (Jesse Livingston); 14 May (2 males) Memphis (MGW), new late date for West Tenn. **House Finch:** 10 Mar (1 female feeding fledglings) Germantown (WRP), very early nesting. **Pine Siskin:** 27 Mar-17 Apr (up to 8) Shelby Forest (MTOS); 1 May (1) Gibson Co (MAG); 11 May (4) Orgill Park, Shelby Co (DDP); 14 May (1) Memphis MGW).

Locations: Black Bayou-in Lake Co; Eagle Lake WMA -in Shelby Co; EARTH Complex-in Shelby Co; Germantown-in Shelby Co; Mud L-in Lake Co; Pace Point-in Henry Co; Reelfoot L-in Lake & Obion Cos; Shelby Farms / Forest-in Shelby Co; Tennemo Levee-in Dyer Co; Tiptonville-in Lake Co; White's L. Refuge-in Dyer Co.

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HIGHLAND RIM & BASIN REGION — In Nashville, for the spring trio of months, the temperature was normal in March, nearly 4 degrees above average in April, and slightly below average in May. March was extremely wet, having 9.4 inches of rainfall, almost twice the average for the month. However, one third of the total occurred during a single day, 17 March, producing flooding in many areas. Precipitation returned to normal in April, but over two thirds of the amount fell in just two days. Finally, the total rainfall in May was slightly below average.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of this season was the presence of Connecticut Warblers in the Nashville area from 9-22 May. Up to four birds were present on a single day at Radnor Lake, and up to three at Shelby Bottoms. Birders from Kentucky, Alabama, and all over Tennessee were able to see this elusive species.

Loon-Owl: **Common Loon:** 8 Mar (84) Percy-Priest L., Davidson Co (GBC), max. **American White Pelican:** 11 Mar (150) island near Gatlin Point, Barkley L., Stewart Co (Gary Wallace), also present last year at about same time. **Double-crested Cormorant:** 11 May (10 on nests) Old Hickory L (CAS). **American Bittern:** 23 Apr (1) Ft. Campbell (DM). **Snowy Egret:** 16 Apr (1) Cane Cr. Park (SJS). **Tricolored Heron:** 20 Apr (1) Lilydale Campground, Dale Hollow L., Clay Co (WAW, SJS et al.). **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** 13 Apr thru season (pair & nest) Burgess Falls State Natural Area, Putnam / White Cos. (WAW, SJS), first evidence of breeding there, though suspected since 1987; 25 Apr (2, 1 on nest) Oakland's Mansion, Murfreesboro (TJW). **Ross's Goose:** 17 / 20 Apr (1) Putnam / Jackson Co line (John Stites, SJS). **Blue-winged Teal:** 18 Mar (1) Shelby Park (PDC), ers. **Long-tailed Duck:** 8-11 May (1) Cane Cr. Park (SJS). **Bufflehead:** 13 Apr (1) Radnor L (JKS), lrs. **Hooded Merganser:** 30 May (1 female) Cane Cr. Park (SJS), late. **Osprey:** 7 Apr (1) Radnor L.

(Hazel Cassel), ers; 28 May (2 active nests) Jackson Co (SJS). **Laughing Gull:** 26 Apr (1) Percy-Priest L., Davidson Co (TJW); 11 May (1) Old Hickory L. (CAS). **Caspian Tern:** 11 May (1) Old Hickory L. (CAS). **Forster's Tern:** 11 May (1) Cane Cr. Park (Ginger Ensor et al.). **Eurasian Collared-Dove:** 11 May (1) Rutherford Co (JSD). **Black-billed Cuckoo:** 11 May (1) Sumner Co (Jim Hiett). **Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 18 Apr (1) Radnor L (DWD, CPD, JKS), ers. **Barn Owl:** 27 Apr-18 May (several yg) Putnam Co (SJS et al.). **Short-eared Owl:** 7 Mar (2) Ft. Campbell (DM).

Flycatcher-Thrush: **Olive-sided Flycatcher:** 30 Apr (1) Radnor L (PDC, JKS). **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** 17-22 May (1-2) Radnor L (FCF, CAS, PDC, JSD, DWD, NTOS). **Willow Flycatcher:** 8-30 May (1-2) Cane Cr. Park (SJS); 11 May (1) Shelby Bottoms (PDC, MAZ, Mark Hackney, et al.). **Least Flycatcher:** 30 Apr (2) Radnor L (PDC, JKS), ers. **Eastern Kingbird:** 13 Apr (2) Radnor L (PDC, JKS et al.), ers. **White-eyed Vireo:** 10 Apr (6) Radnor L (NTOS), ers. **Yellow-throated Vireo:** 13 Apr (2) Radnor L (PDC, JKS et al.), ers. **Warbling Vireo:** 16 Apr (1) Shelby Park (GBC, PDC), ers. **Philadelphia Vireo:** 15 Apr (1) Nashville (JKS), ties early arrival date for Nashville area; 22 May (2) Radnor L (FCF), lrs. **Red-eyed Vireo:** 13 Apr (3) Cedars of Lebanon SP (CAS), ers. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 19 Mar (1) Shelby Park (PDC), ers. **Cliff Swallow:** 1 Apr (60+) Cheatham Co (GBC), ers. **Brown-headed Nuthatch:** all season (up to 8, including a juv. 30 May) Cookeville Golf Course, Putnam Co (SJS, WAW et al.), first evidence of breeding there. **Bewick's Wren:** 27 Apr / 11 May (1) Rutherford Co (TJW / JSD). **Sedge Wren:** 12 Mar / 10 Apr (1-2) Ft. Campbell (DM), probably wintered. **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 28 Mar (1) Narrows of the Harpeth SP, Cheatham Co (PDC, GBC), ers. **Gray-cheeked Thrush:** 16 Apr (1) Radnor L (JKS), ers. **Swainson's Thrush:** 23 Apr (3) / 23 May (3) Radnor L (PDC, FCF / JKS), ers / lrs. **Wood Thrush:** 10 Apr (2) Radnor L (NTOS), ers.

Warblers: **Blue-winged Warbler:** 11 Apr (1) Shelby Bottoms (PDC, JKS), ers. **Golden-winged Warbler:** 24 Apr (1) Radnor L (PDC), ers; 11 May (1) Rutherford Co (JSD). **Tennessee Warbler:** 16 Apr (1) Shelby Bottoms (GBC, PDC), ers. **Orange-crowned Warbler:** 15 Apr (1) Nashville (JKS); 23 Apr (2) Radnor L (PDC, FCF). **Nashville Warbler:** 16 Apr (2) Radnor L (CPD, DWD), ers. **Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 22 Apr (1) Radnor L (CPD, DWD), ers. **Cape May Warbler:** 15 Apr (2) Nashville (JKS), ties early arrival date for Nashville area. **Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 28 Apr (1) Putnam Co (Richard Simmers); 11 May (1 each) Radnor L / Shelby Bottoms / Williamson Co (CAS / PDC, MAZ, Mark Hackney et al. / JKS, FCF, Richard Connors, Camille Crenshaw). **Black-throated Green Warbler:** 25 Mar (2) Shelby Bottoms (PDC), ers. **Blackburnian Warbler:** 17 Apr / 22 May (1+) Radnor L (PDC / FCF), ers / lrs. **Yellow-throated Warbler:** 28 Mar (1) Montgomery Bell SP, Dickson Co (PDC, GBC), ers. **Prairie Warbler:** 10 Apr (2) Radnor L (NTOS), ers. **Bay-breasted Warbler:** 30 Apr (1) Radnor L (PDC), ers. **Blackpoll Warbler:** 24 Apr (1) Radnor L (PDC), ers. **Cerulean Warbler:** 16 Apr (1) Natchez Trace Parkway, Davidson Co (GBC), ers; 4 May (female gathering nest material) west Putnam Co (SJS). **Worm-eating Warbler:** 16 Apr (1) Radnor L (DWD, CPD), ers. **Ovenbird:** 13 Apr (1) Cedars of Lebanon SP (CAS), ers. **Northern Waterthrush:** 23 Apr (1) Radnor L (PDC,

FCF), ers. **Louisiana Waterthrush:** 28 Mar (2) Montgomery Bell SP, Dickson Co (PDC, GBC), ers. **Kentucky Warbler:** 15 Apr (1) Radnor L (FCF), ers. **Connecticut Warbler:** 9-22 May (1-4) Radnor L (Brainerd Palmer-Ball, Jon Dunn, NTOS); 10-20 May (1-3) Shelby Bottoms (PDC, CAS, FCF, DWD, JKS, NTOS); 10 May (1) Hermitage Golf Course, Davidson Co (CAS); 11 May (2) Cross Cr. NWR, Stewart Co (Kin Cosner). **Mourning Warbler:** 10-14 May (1-2) Shelby Bottoms (PDC, GBC, MAZ, NTOS); 15-22 May (1) Radnor L (PDC, FCF, JKS, NTOS). **Wilson's Warbler:** 22 May (3) Shelby Bottoms (PDC), max.

Tanager-Grosbeak: **Summer Tanager:** 13 Apr (1) Cedars of Lebanon SP (CAS), ers. **Scarlet Tanager:** 13 Apr (1) Nashville (Brenda Leach), ers. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 14 Apr (1) Shelby Park (PDC), ers. **Blue Grosbeak:** 16 Apr (1) Nashville (FCF), ers. **Vesper Sparrow:** 25 Mar (3) Shelby Bottoms (PDC). **Lark Sparrow:** 27 Apr (1) Edwin Warner Park, Davidson Co (Sandy Bivens, Ed Cleaves, Kathy Shaw); 11 May (1) Rutherford Co (JSD); 31 May (1 carrying food) Eady Rd., Bedford Co (David Vogt). **Grasshopper Sparrow:** 10 Apr (2) Ft. Campbell (DM), ers; 29 May (2 pairs nesting) Williamson Co (JKS). **Henslow's Sparrow:** 10 Apr (15+) Ft. Campbell (DM), ers in 4 years there. **Lincoln's Sparrow:** 1 May (1) Radnor L (JKS), ers. **Baltimore Oriole:** 17 Apr (1) / 30 Apr (14+) Radnor L (DWD / PDC, JKS), ers / max. **Evening Grosbeak:** 2 Apr (3) Byrdstown, Pickett Co (Robbie Hassler).

Locations: Cane Cr. Park-in Putnam Co; Cedars of Lebanon SP-in Wilson Co; Ft. Campbell-in Stewart & Montgomery Cos; Old Hickory L-in Davidson Co; Radnor L-in Davidson Co; Shelby Bottoms / Park-in Davidson Co.

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CUMBERLAND PLATEAU / RIDGE & VALLEY REGION — March had near normal temperatures and slightly below normal precipitation. April was noticeably warmer and drier than average, while May had slightly cooler temperatures and near normal rainfall. The overall migration seemed interesting, with several unusual species reported, even though most regular migrants were only in fairly typical numbers. Near Chattanooga, the Standifer Gap Marsh produced numerous goodies, following the "Patagonia rest stop effect" (i.e., one good sighting results in more coverage which yields additional sightings). Most notable there were both Yellow and Black rails! Other regional rarities included Tricolored Heron, several unusual shorebirds, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, and Connecticut Warbler.

Loon-Merganser: **Common Loon:** 29 May (1) Chickamauga L (Janice Chadwell), lrs. **Double-crested Cormorant:** 11 Apr (126 flying over) Rockwood, Roane Co (Boyd Sharp, Tony Headrick), max. **American Bittern:** 29 Mar (1) Brainerd Levee (Laura Mitchell), ers there; 3 Apr (1) Cove Lake SP (NeM); 13 Apr (1) Kyker Bottoms, Blount Co (FLB); 14 Apr / 6 May (4 / 1) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC et al.). **Least Bittern:** 16 Apr thru season (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC). **Great Egret:** 19 Mar (1) Cove Lake SP (NeM), ers. **Snowy Egret:** 25 May (1) Kingston Steam Plant (FLB). **Tricolored**

Heron: 13 Apr (1) Kyker Bottoms, Blount Co (FLB). **Cattle Egret:** 24 Apr (2) Johnson City (Tom McNeil). **Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 28 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (Jim Wampler). **Red-breasted Merganser:** 22 May (2) below Watts Bar Dam, Meigs Co (Wes James).

Osprey-Rail: **Osprey:** 15 Mar (1) Boone L., Washington Co (Larry McDaniel), ers; 14 Apr (9) Soddy Mtn., Hamilton Co (Bill Haley), max. **Bald Eagle:** 4-9 Mar (1-2 ad) Cove Lake SP (NeM). **Broad-winged Hawk:** 14 Apr (340) Soddy Mtn., Hamilton Co (Bill Haley), largest-ever one day count in spring at this hawkwatch. **Merlin:** 2 May (1) Hamilton Co (KAC). **Peregrine Falcon:** 16 Mar (1) Knox Co (Dean Edwards); 18 Mar (1) Knoxville (Charles Nicholson); thru season (pair & 2 yg) railroad bridge below Chickamauga Dam (m.ob.). **YELLOW RAIL:** 13 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (DRJ, John Henderson). **BLACK RAIL:** 11 May (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (fide KAC). **Virginia Rail:** 15 Apr-11 May (1-2) Standifer Gap Marsh (David Patterson, m.ob.); 27 Apr (1) Greene Co (DHM). **Sora:** 16 Apr-11 May (1-3) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC et al.).

Shorebirds: **Black-bellied Plover:** 18 May (2) Kingston Steam Plant (WAW). **American Golden-Plover:** 28-30 Mar (1) Brainerd Levee (Janice Chadwell). **Semipalmated Plover:** 20 May (32) Kingston Steam Plant (FLB), max. **American Avocet:** 13 Apr (6) Greene Co (DHM). **Willet:** 24 Apr (1) Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery, Anderson Co (Barbara Finney, Jim & Betty Campbell); 27 Apr (14) Greene Co (DHM). **Upland Sandpiper:** 13 Apr (1) Austin Springs (RLK); 17 Apr (1) Kingston Steam Plant (FLB); 20 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (Ron Hoff). **Whimbrel:** 14 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (Jimmy & Cynthia Wilkerson), first southeast Tenn. report. **Marbled Godwit:** 20 Apr (16) Austin Springs (RLK), second record in northeast Tenn., large number for state. **Ruddy Turnstone:** 8 / 18 May (2) Kingston Steam Plant (FLB / WAW). **Sanderling:** 20 May (1) Kingston Steam Plant (FLB). **White-rumped Sandpiper:** 5 May (1) Brainerd Levee (KAC, CDB, DRJ); 13 May (1) Greene Co (DHM); 20 May (1) Kingston Steam Plant (FLB). **Dunlin:** 13 Apr (2) Greene Co (DHM); 14-20 May (12-3) Kingston Steam Plant (FLB, WAW). **Short-billed Dowitcher:** 16 Mar (1) Brainerd Levee (Libby Wolfe). **Long-billed Dowitcher:** 28 Apr (1) Greene Co (DHM). **American Woodcock:** 5 / 19 Mar (2-4) Greene Co (DHM); 8 Mar (2) Austin Springs (Don Holt).

Tern-Nightjars: **Caspian Tern:** 22 Apr (5) Chickamauga L (George Parsley) & (2) Nickajack L., Marion Co (KAC). **Black Tern:** 5 May (1) Hamilton Co (KAC). **Black-billed Cuckoo:** 30 Apr (1) Claiborne Co (NeM); 5 May (1) Hamilton Co (DRJ). **Barn Owl:** 5 Apr (1) Sullivan Co (Kevin Hamed); 12 Apr (1) Jefferson Co (Dean Edwards); all season (2+) Johnson City (RLK et al.). **Chuck-wills-widow:** 14 Apr (1) Greene Co (DHM), ers. **Whip-poor-will:** 25 Mar (1) Hamilton Co (CDB), ers.

Flycatcher-Waxwing: **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** 20 May (1) Craven's House, Hamilton Co (KAC). **Willow Flycatcher:** 11 May (3) Standifer Gap Marsh (fide KAC). **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:** early May (1) Knox Co (fide David Buehler). **Loggerhead Shrike:** thru season (singles at 6 sites) Greene Co (DHM). **Warbling Vireo:** 20

Apr (1) Johnson City (RLK), ers; 26 Apr / 19 May (1) separate Greene Co sites (DHM); 10-11 May (1) Cove Lake SP (NeM). **Philadelphia Vireo:** 4 May (1) Greene Co (DHM). **Common Raven:** 30 Apr (1) Tackett Cr., Claiborne Co (NeM, Ken Cutsinger), well away from eastern mountains. **Horned Lark:** 10 Apr (8) Cross Mtn, Campbell / Anderson Co line (NeM), at 3000 ft elevation; 14 Apr (2) Tri-cities Airport, Sullivan Co (Danny Huffine); 21 Apr (1) Limestone, Washington Co (RLK); 23 Apr (2) Greene Co (DHM). **Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 18 Mar (2) Greene Co (DHM), ers. **Cliff Swallow:** 28 Mar (4) Austin Springs (RLK), ers. **Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 2 May (1) Greeneville (DHM); 26 May (1) Big South Fork, Scott Co (Frank Renfrow fide SJS), lrs. **Brown-headed Nuthatch:** 27 May (2) Oak Ridge Reservation, Roane Co (Robert & Leigh Loveday). **Sedge Wren:** 9 May (1) Cross Mtn, Claiborne Co (NeM). **Marsh Wren:** 16 Apr / 5 May (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (CDB, KAC); 27 Apr (1) Greene Co (DHM). **Cedar Waxwing:** 22 Apr (1000 +) Knoxville (DJT).

Warblers: **Golden-winged Warbler:** 30 Apr (1) Sequatchie Co (CDB); 11 May (1) Hamilton Co (Bonnie Johnson, Judy Newsome), in paper company clearcut where presumed breeding last couple of years. **Orange-crowned Warbler:** 16 Apr (2) Knoxville (DJT). **Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 20 / 31 May (12 & 6 males / 19 males) Brady Mtn & Black Mtn / Hinch Mtn, all Cumberland Co (SJS), all likely breeders. **Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 11 May (1) Hamilton Co (KAC), rare there. **Palm Warbler:** 10 Mar (1) Washington Co (BKS). **Blackpoll Warbler:** 17 Apr (1) Cove Lake SP (NeM), ers. **Cerulean Warbler:** 27 May into Jul (1 male) Oak Ridge Reservation, Roane Co (Dev Joslin). **American Redstart:** 6 Apr (1) Knoxville (Dan Mooney), ers. **Prothonotary Warbler:** 10 Apr (1) Cove Lake SP (NeM); 14 Apr (1) Greene Co (DHM); 18 Apr (1) Sharp's Ridge, Knoxville (fide DJT); 20 Apr (1) Austin Springs (RLK). **Swainson's Warbler:** 13 Apr (1) Sharp's Ridge, Knoxville (FLB et al.); 16 Apr thru season (up to 5) Cove Lake SP (NeM). **Connecticut Warbler:** 10 May (1) Cove Lake SP (NeM). **Mourning Warbler:** 5 May (1) Hamilton Co (fide KAC). **Hooded Warbler:** 1 Apr (1) Knoxville (Dan Mooney), ers.

Sparrow-Siskin: **Chipping Sparrow:** 3 Apr (117) Cove Lake SP (NeM), max. **Grasshopper Sparrow:** 29 Apr (15+) Cross Mtn, Campbell / Anderson Co line (NeM), at 3000 ft elevation; 30 Apr (10+) near Tackett Cr., Claiborne Co (NeM, Ken Cutsinger), in strip mine. **Dickcissel:** 28 Apr (1) Hamilton Co (DRJ); 18 May (1) Limestone, Washington Co (DHM), site occupied 7 consecutive years. **Brewer's Blackbird:** 10 Mar (1) Greene Co (DHM). **Purple Finch:** 18 Apr (1) Greene Co (DHM), lrs. **Pine Siskin:** 4 May (2) Greene Co (DHM); 7 May (2) Campbell Co (NeM); 11 May (1) Monterey, Putnam Co (Richard Simmers), lrs.

Locations: Austin Springs-in Washington Co; Brainerd Levee-in Hamilton Co; Chickamauga L-in Hamilton Co; Cove Lake SP-in Campbell Co; Kingston Steam Plant-in Roane Co; Standifer Gap Marsh-in Hamilton Co.

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EASTERN MOUNTAIN REGION — Breeding evidence for the Common Raven was noted from five different locations in three northeastern counties.

Grebe-Tern: **Eared Grebe:** 16 Apr (7, in breeding plumage) S. Holston L (RLK), lrs. **Double-crested Cormorant:** 15 Apr (30) S. Holston L (Mary Erwin et al.), max. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** 7 Apr thru season (2) Sycamore Shoals SP, Carter Co (Gary Wallace, m.ob.). **Redhead:** 12 Mar (154) S. Holston L (RLK). **Greater Scaup:** 27-29 Mar (1) Wilbur L (BKS, RLK). **Red-shouldered Hawk:** 8 Mar (3) Holston Valley, Sullivan Co (JWC). **Peregrine Falcon:** 10 Mar (2) Greenbrier Pinnacle, Gr. Smoky Mtns (Susan Hoyle, Kristine Johnson); 5 May (1) Doe River Gorge, Carter Co (Larry McDaniel). **Bonaparte's Gull:** 9 Apr (100) S. Holston L (RLK), max. **Caspian Tern:** 6-16 Apr (4-1) S. Holston L (Rack Cross, RLK et al.). **Forster's Tern:** 13 / 16 Apr (1 / 3) S. Holston L (RLK).

Dove-Siskin: **Mourning Dove:** 19 Apr (1) Carver's Gap, Roan Mtn (RLK). **Hummingbird sp.:** 12 Mar (1) Tremont, Gr. Smoky Mtns (CM). **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 6 Apr (3 males) Doe Mtn, Johnson Co (AJT), possible breeding site. **Least Flycatcher:** 19 Apr (1) Roan Mtn (RLK), ers. **Blue-headed Vireo:** 27 Mar (1) Wilbur L (BKS, H.P. Langridge), ers. **Common Raven:** 9 Mar (ad on nest) Devil's Looking Glass, Unicoi Co (RLK); 29 Mar (2 ad with yg) Carter Co (AJT); 30 Mar (ad at nest) Rocky Fork, Unicoi Co (AJT); 6 Apr (1 ad, 1-2 yg) Shady Valley, Johnson Co (AJT); 27 Apr (1) Watauga quarry, Carter Co (RLK); 10 May (nest with 2 yg) Laurel Bloomery, Johnson Co (AJT). **Purple Martin:** 15 Mar (2) Carter Co (Don Holt), ers. **Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 25 May (1) Cherohala Skyway, Monroe Co (David Vogt). **Brown Creeper:** 7 Mar (15) Cades Cove, Gr. Smoky Mtns (CM), max. **Golden-winged Warbler:** 19 Apr (1) Roan Mtn (RLK), ers. **"Brewster's" Warbler:** 13 May (1) Buck Mtn, Carter Co (AJT). **Yellow-throated Warbler:** 25 Mar (1) Wilbur L (H.P. Langridge, Glen Eller), ers. **Pine Warbler:** 12 Mar (1) S. Holston L (RLK), ers. **Common Yellowthroat:** 12 Apr (1) Roan Mtn (RLK), ers. **Lincoln's Sparrow:** 27 Apr (1) Hampton Cr. Cove, Roan Mtn (AJT). **Purple Finch:** scarce; 3 Apr (1) Tremont, Gr. Smoky Mtns (CM), lrs. **Red Crossbill:** 11 Apr (2) Buffalo Mtn, Washington Co (RLK). **Pine Siskin:** 3 Mar (12) Hampton, Carter Co (BKS); 19 Apr (22) Roan Mtn (RLK).

Locations: Gr. Smoky Mtns-Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Roan Mtn-in Carter Co; S. Holston L-in Sullivan Co; Wilbur L-in Carter Co.

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